

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In lines 12, 13, 16, 20 etc of claim 1, phrases "and/or" render the claim vague and indefinite since it is not clear at all if the applicant is intending to claim combination of elements with use of phrase "and" or if applicant is intending to claim only one of the listed elements with use of phrase "or". Claims 2-10 are indefinite for the same reasons since by their dependencies, they incorporate the same deficiency as their parent claim.

Regarding claims 1-10 are informal (see rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph) that no meaningful examination on the merits of the claims can be undertaken at this time. See MPEP 702.01.

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